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Settlement Reached with General Atomics

SACRAMENTO --- The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$50,000 settlement of an enforcement action against General Atomics. The enforcement action resulted from DTSC inspections in 1996 and 1997 at the General Atomics facility at 3550 General Atomics Court in San Diego.

During these inspections DTSC inspectors cited the facility for the following violations:

- failure to remove hazardous waste (pump oil) in excess of 55 gallons from the point of generation within three days of exceeding a total of 55 gallons,
- storage of hazardous waste (lead waste) at the facility for a greater than one year,
- failure to have adequate financial assurance for the cost of closure of the facility and,
- failure to have third party liability coverage for sudden accidental occurrences at the facility.

General Atomics has taken appropriate corrective actions to resolve the violations and agreed to pay DTSC \$50,000. DTSC will use \$19,498 of this amount to cover its costs of enforcement and place the remaining \$30,502 in its administrative penalty account.

General Atomics has operated the San Diego facility since 1984. The facility has an interim status document (authorization for operation) from DTSC to store and treat hazardous waste. DTSC regulates hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities.

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting its reduction.

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